

IC 9-24

ARTICLE 24. DRIVERS LICENSES

IC 9-24-1

Chapter 1. Individuals Required to Obtain a License or Permit

IC 9-24-1-1

License required

Sec. 1. Except as provided in section 6 or 7 of this chapter, an individual must have a valid Indiana:

- (1) operator's license;
- (2) chauffeur's license;
- (3) public passenger chauffeur's license;
- (4) learner's permit;
- (5) commercial driver's license; or
- (6) motorcycle operator's license or endorsement;

issued to the individual by the bureau under this article to drive upon an Indiana highway the type of motor vehicle for which the license or permit was issued.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.

IC 9-24-1-1.5

Applicability; standards for determining residency; exception

Sec. 1.5. (a) This section applies after December 31, 2005.

(b) The standards set forth in IC 3-5-5 to determine the residence of an individual applying to become a voter apply to the determination of the residence of an individual applying for a license under this article.

(c) This section does not prevent the commission from issuing a license under this article to an individual who is:

- (1) not required by this article to reside in Indiana to receive the license; and
- (2) otherwise qualified to receive the license.

As added by P.L.14-2004, SEC.186.

IC 9-24-1-2

Chauffeur's license; necessity

Sec. 2. Except as provided in section 7 of this chapter, an individual must have a valid Indiana chauffeur's license to operate a motor vehicle as a chauffeur upon an Indiana highway.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.

IC 9-24-1-3

Public passenger chauffeur's license; necessity

Sec. 3. Except as provided in section 7 of this chapter, an individual must have a valid Indiana public passenger chauffeur's license to drive the following:

- (1) A school bus while in use for the transportation of pupils to and from school or to and from school athletic games or contests or other school functions.

(2) A motor vehicle while in use as a public passenger vehicle.
As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.

IC 9-24-1-4

Medical service vehicle operation; requirements

Sec. 4. Except as provided in section 7 of this chapter, an individual must:

(1) have a valid Indiana operator's, chauffeur's, or public passenger chauffeur's license; and

(2) be at least eighteen (18) years of age;

to drive a medical services vehicle upon an Indiana highway.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.

IC 9-24-1-5

Motorcycle operation; required licenses

Sec. 5. An individual must have a valid driver's license that may be any of the following to operate a motorcycle upon a public highway:

(1) An operator's, a chauffeur's, or a public passenger chauffeur's license with a motorcycle endorsement.

(2) A temporary motorcycle learner's permit subject to the limitations imposed under IC 9-24-8.

(3) A motorcycle learner's permit subject to the limitations imposed under IC 9-24-8.

(4) A driver's license from any other jurisdiction that is valid for the operation of a motorcycle in that jurisdiction.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.

IC 9-24-1-6

Commercial driver's license; necessity; exception

Sec. 6. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), an individual must hold a valid Indiana commercial driver's license issued by the bureau under this article to drive a commercial motor vehicle after March 31, 1992, upon an Indiana highway.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to an individual if the individual:

(1) holds a valid driver's license of any type;

(2) is enrolled in a commercial motor vehicle training course approved by the bureau; and

(3) is operating a commercial motor vehicle under the direct supervision of a licensed commercial motor vehicle driver.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.

IC 9-24-1-7

Exempt persons

Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 5 of this chapter do not apply to the following individuals:

(1) An individual in the service of the armed forces of the United States while operating an official motor vehicle in that service.

- (2) An individual while operating a:
- (A) road roller;
 - (B) road construction or maintenance machinery, except where the road roller or machinery is required to be registered under Indiana law;
 - (C) ditch digging apparatus;
 - (D) well drilling apparatus;
 - (E) concrete mixer; or
 - (F) farm tractor or implement of husbandry;
- that is being temporarily drawn, moved, or propelled on an Indiana public highway.
- (3) A nonresident who:
- (A) is at least sixteen (16) years and one (1) month of age; and
 - (B) has in the nonresident's immediate possession a valid operator's license that was issued to the nonresident in the nonresident's home state or country;
- while operating a motor vehicle in Indiana only as an operator.
- (4) A nonresident who:
- (A) is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
 - (B) has in the nonresident's immediate possession a valid chauffeur's license that was issued to the nonresident in the nonresident's home state or country;
- while operating a motor vehicle upon a public highway, either as an operator or a chauffeur.
- (5) A nonresident who:
- (A) is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
 - (B) has in the nonresident's immediate possession a valid license issued by the nonresident's home state for the operation of any motor vehicle upon a public highway when in use as a public passenger carrying vehicle;
- while operating a motor vehicle upon a public highway.
- (6) A nonresident whose home state or country does not require the licensing of operators or chauffeurs and who has not been licensed as an operator or a chauffeur in the nonresident's home state or country as an operator if the nonresident is at least sixteen (16) years and thirty (30) days of age and less than eighteen (18) years of age or as a chauffeur if the nonresident is at least eighteen (18) years of age, for not more than sixty (60) days in any one (1) year if the following conditions exist:
- (A) The unlicensed nonresident is the owner of the motor vehicle or the authorized driver of the vehicle.
 - (B) The vehicle has been registered for the current year in the state or country of which the owner is a resident.
 - (C) The motor vehicle at all times displays a registration plate issued in the home state or country of the owner.
 - (D) The nonresident owner or driver has in the owner's or driver's immediate possession a registration card evidencing ownership and registration in the owner's or driver's home state or country or is able at any required time or place to do

the following:

(i) Prove lawful possession or the right to operate the motor vehicle.

(ii) Establish the nonresident's proper identity.

(7) An individual who is legally licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the state of the individual's residence and who is employed in Indiana, subject to the restrictions imposed by the state of the individual's residence.

(8) A new resident of Indiana who possesses an unexpired driver's license issued by the resident's former state of residence, for a period of sixty (60) days after becoming a resident of Indiana.

(9) An individual who is an engineer, a conductor, a brakeman, or another member of the crew of a locomotive or a train that is being operated upon rails, including the operation of the locomotive or the train on a crossing over a street or a highway. An individual described in this subdivision is not required to display a license to a law enforcement officer in connection with the operation of a locomotive or a train in Indiana.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.128-1993, SEC.1.

IC 9-24-1-8

Violations

Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

(b) A person who violates section 6 of this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12.